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Applicant: Walter Viegner

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Examiner: Dunwoody, Aaron M.

For: NON-DETACHABLE PRESS FIT ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN A
FITTING AND AN END PORTION OF A METAL PIPE

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
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Sir:

In response to the official Office Action dated June 19, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please see the Claim Summary Document attached hereto.

REMARKS

In response to the official Office Action dated June 19, 2003, Applicant has amended Claim 2 in the area objected to by the Examiner. Claim 1 has also been amended.

Pending Claims 1, 2, 6, 9, 11 and 18-25 stand rejected as either anticipated by Grenier, Washburn or Crickmer or unpatentable over Grenier, Washburn or Crickmer. These rejections are respectfully traversed. Reconsideration based on the following arguments is hereby requested.

Independent claim 1 is directed specifically to a non-detachable fitting between an end portion of a metal pipe and a crimpable socket of a fitting. The socket has an interior space with an annular anchoring groove for receiving a sealing ring. A receiving groove in the socket has a holding element resiliently secured thereto and cold formed together with the socket. The holding element has a material penetrating component formed by a plurality of cutting arcuate projections pointing in the direction of the anchoring groove and whose ends